

***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 1-8 are allowed.

Independent claims 1-3, 5, 7-8 are directed towards a temporal scaleable moving picture codec and include "...converting an input interlaced moving-picture video signal carrying first and second alternate fields into a progressive moving-picture video signal at the same frame rate per second as the interlaced moving-picture video signal, the progressive moving-picture video signal having scanning lines at the same timing as scanning lines of the first fields of the interlaced moving-picture video signal; encoding the progressive moving-picture video signal to produce a first progressive bitstream; encoding the second fields of the interlaced moving-picture video signal, the second fields being different in time from frames of the progressive moving-picture video signal, with inter-picture prediction using a locally decoded picture signal as a reference video signal, the locally decoded picture signal being produced by locally decoding the progressive moving- picture video signal, the second fields having scanning lines half of scanning lines of the progressive moving-picture video signal, thus producing a second bitstream..." which are features that are not anticipated nor obvious over the art of record. Dependent claims 4, and 6 are allowed for reasons concerning the independent claims.

***Conclusion***

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andy S. Rao whose telephone number is (571)-272-7337. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8 hours.

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